



'No more proof reading?' 'No, no mroe proforeadnig!'

One of the best things about holidays is 'no proof reading.'

Clearly a *III-V Review* adherent has the same feelings on the subject, judging by this:

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Delighted by this, *Around III-Vs* was quickly dampened when a friend sent an unreadable reply in Finnish with the claim that it doesn't work in that language!

Six mood dogs

Still, linguistics moves at a great pace. Take the news about Bow-Lingual - this two-piece device translates barks into English phrases using voice print technology.

A small, collar-mounted microphone transmits barks to a wireless handheld receiver. This analyses the voiceprint and displays the emotion category before providing an appropriate translation, graphics and other data on an LCD screen.

Along with bark translator, the Bow-Lingual handset provides dog-owning tips and has a Home-Along feature that logs barks for up to 12 hours while you're away. The system range is 30ft and the cost is \$95.55.

Science behind the device is based on findings by the prestigious Japan Acoustic Laboratory. Using analysis of voice prints and sound-waves, the lab researched thousands of barks from over 80 breeds, finding that dogs express six moods: happy, sad, frustrated, needy, on-guard and assertive.

Bow-Lingual matches each bark with its mood, and displays a translation (from nearly 200 phrases) that best represents what the dog is trying to say.

What's needed now is a mobile phone take on the unit, allowing the dog to bark you up, or for you to call the dog!

Contact: <http://www.thedogtranslator.com>

"Ad vice" investment

The late publisher B C Forbes was once overheard to recommend that an investor should put his or her money behind those companies that produced products the investor personally liked, used or wanted to use.

Browsing the financial aspects of the compound industry, *Around III-Vs* was intrigued to discover Aerospace and Defence as bedfellows together with gaming, tobacco and alcohol at <http://www.vicfund.com>.

Here are the summaries:-

"The gaming industry seems to be booming. As charts show, stock prices of the industry have continued to rise, even while much of the stock market has suffered. We're willing to bet that the gaming industry will continue to grow for years to come."

"Have you looked at your retirement plan or brokerage account statements the last couple years, and thought, 'I need a drink'?"

"Apparently a lot of people have. The overall stock market has been poor, but alcohol stocks have continued to perform well.

"Tobacco is a cash rich business. The tobacco industry contributes substantially to the economies of over 150 countries, with more than 100m people worldwide depending on it for employment. Tobacco is the world's most widely cultivated non-food crop."

"Through good times and bad times, Aerospace and Defence firms employ millions of Americans and contribute billions of dollars to the US economy. They provide technological innovations that are used in almost all our

daily lives. Stocks, like Lockheed Martin or General Dynamics, outperformed the S&P 500 Index by wide margins over the past 15 years."

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET	
ELEMENT:	Woman
SYMBOL:	☺
DISCOVERER:	Adam
ATOMIC MASS:	Accepted as 55kg, but known to vary from 45kg to 225kg
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	
1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint	
2. Boils at absolutely nothing - freezes for no apparent reason	
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore	
CHEMICAL PROPERTIES	
1. Reacts well to gold, platinum and all precious stones	
2. Explodes spontaneously without reason or warning	
3. The most powerful money reducing agent known to man	
COMMON USE	
1. Highly ornamental, especially in sports cars	
2. Can greatly aid relaxation	
3. Can be a very effective cleaning agent	
HAZARDS	
1. Turns green when placed alongside a superior specimen	
2. Possession of more than one is possible but specimens must never make eye contact	

Small book prize for "man"

In order to join in with the seasonal festivities, *Around III-Vs* is offering a small book prize for the best entrant who can draw up a specification for that devilish tricky element: man.

This it is hoped could provide a balance for this amusing, if chauvinist, contribution on "woman".